

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Prior to the entry of this amendment, claims 1-27 were pending in this application. The Office Action objected to the presence of claims 20-27 in the application as these claims are directed to an invention that was non-elected with traverse in a reply filed by Applicants on December 21, 2005.

Applicants apologize for any inconvenience caused by not having previously removed the non-elected claims from the present application. In this amendment, the non-elected claims, claims 20-27, are canceled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

In the event that a fee or refund is due in connection with this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 19-0615. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (617) 768-2270.

Respectfully submitted,



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